

The Bloomfield Times.

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FARM AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

We invite communications from all persons who are interested in matters properly belonging to this department.

Disappearance of Improved Land in New England.

The census returns in New Hampshire and Massachusetts, show a smaller area of improved land in 1870 than in 1860. Some have expressed surprise at this result, and have been led to question the accuracy of the census. We have no doubt the statement is true, not only of these states, but of other Northern and Eastern states. There are portions of many farms once kept in meadow or in pasture, that are now turned out to wood, which grows luxuriantly, and is paying better interest upon the capital invested in it than it ever did, when kept under the plow. Some of it is not even fenced, and the only cost to the owner is the taxes. The owners of these farms have discovered that it is much better policy for them to cultivate a few acres well, than to spread their tillage and manure over a large part of the farm. Seventy bushels of shelled corn and fifty bushels of oats to the acre, pays well. A third of those crops only run them in debt, and made miserable farming. The fact, then, indicated in this census statement, is not alarming but highly encouraging to our agricultural industry. There is still a very large area of rough pasture and meadow that ought to be turned out to forest. Some of it needs sowing with the seeds of forest trees; but a good deal of it would start very soon into timber without any sowing. The great advantage of sowing is, that we can determine the character of the timber. It costs no more to raise chestnut, which grows rapidly, and is very valuable for timber, than to grow birch or poplar, which is worth little except for firewood. In these same States, the census reveals a large increase in the value of orchard and garden products—a fact which shows that our land-holders are concentrating their capital upon less land, and making it pay better. An incidental advantage of this increase of forest is the increased value of that which is cultivated for farm crops. The tilled land is better sheltered from the wind. The climate is made equable. The snow lies longer upon the ground in the winter, and the winter grain comes out brighter in the spring, and yields more. If all our barren hills-tops could be covered again with forests, we should have more frequent showers in summer, and the evils of drouth would be mitigated.—Hearth and Home.

Chickens Drooping and Dying.

The Rural New Yorker has the following: Chickens are often seen in the poultry yard drooping and moping about, and finally die before any attention is paid to them; and then breeders are profuse in their queries as to what kills their fowls. One reason is that the chickens are either too highly fed or become lousy. In the former case the food should be chopped eggs, bread, and meat scraps from the table chopped fine, and let them have plenty of fresh mold and road sand or gravel. In the latter case, put some wormwood in their water, and grease the head thoroughly with lard or fresh butter. In our youthful days the first thing we did after the chicken was out of the shell was to saturate its head with fresh butter. This precaution, in our opinion, has saved many a brood.

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An Ohio cultivator claims great success for his treatment of quince and apple trees. He spades the ground every spring and scatters a peck of coal ashes around each tree, and applies a quart or so of salt to the ground under each tree after the soil has been spaded, and another quart after the quinces are about half grown.

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